Strengthening the women police force in Delhi

*56. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the strength of women police in Delhi keeping in view the spurt in the incidents of atrocities on women; and

(b) if so, the detais thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Health services in rural areas

*57. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that health services available of rural women and children are ot at par with those available in urban areas;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to provide better and sufficient health services in rural areas in the country particularly in the state of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKRANAND): (a) and (b) The health services for women and children in rurla areas are being provided through the network of primary health care infrastructure which consists of Sub-centres Primary Health Centres and the Referral Centres called Community Health Centres. In urban areas the services are being provided through a net work of hospitals, dispensaries and urban health posts etc.

(c) During the 8th Plan, the existing infrastructure is being consolidated and strengthened. Additional Resources are being provided to the States under the various programmes like Social Safety Net, Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) Programme, Area Projects and Minimum Needs Programmes. During the 8th Plan 52 Community Health Centres and 44 Primary Health Centres are proposed to be established in Punjab.

Charges against the then NDMC Chief Engineer

*58. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer (Civil) of the then New Delhi Municipal Committee was reinstated without the approval of the competent authority; and

(b) if so, what were the charges against him for which he was suspended three times during his tenure as Chief Engineer and whether Government have received representations against him for being vindictive against the concerned persons connected with his suspension?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Shri V. P. Chetal, Chief Engineer (Civil) of New Delhi Municipal Committee was suspended 3 times during his career.

On the first occasion, a case was registered against him on 28.5.1977 on the basis of a FIR from S.P., C.B.I. and he was placed under suspension on 29.9.1977 in relation to a suspected involvement in a case relating to 'Maruti Roller'. He was subsequently reinstated on 18.8.1978 in consultation with the invesigating authority since the charges could not be established.

Shri Chetal was placed under suspension for a second time on 20.3.1980 on the basis of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Maruti affairs. His suspension was subsequently revoked on 8.9.1980 when the disciplinary authority decided to withdraw the charges.

Shri Chetal was suspended for the third time pending a departmental enquiry, on the basis of a trap laid by C.B.I., on 12.9.1988 when Shri Chetal was arrested accepting a bribe for Rs. 10,000/- along with his Assistant Engineer. He was reinstated on 10.7.1990 under the orders of the then Administrator who was the competent authority in this regard. The reinstatement was without prejudice to the outcome of the major penalty proceedings pending against Shri Chetal.

The Government has been receiving representations against Shri Chetal from time to time each representation is examined separately on merits.

Repratriation of Bangladeshi refugees from Tripura

*59. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the repatriation process of Bangladeshi Tribal Refugees sheltered in Tripura has come to a halt;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Goverment have taken at the diplomatic level with the Government of Bangladesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) After the first phase of repatriation in which 1854 Chakma refugees returned to Bangladesh between 15-22 February, 1994, he Chakma refugee leaders wanted to see the rehabilitation measures taekn by the Government of Bangladesh. As such a visit by Chakma refugee leaders to the Chittagong Hill Tracts area of Bangladesh was organized from 18-29 April, 1994 in consultation with the Government of Bangladesh. Since the refugee leaders were not fully satisfied with the arrangements, further meetings between the refugee leaders and the Bang adesh Authorities were arranged at Ramgarh, Bangladesh on 5 and 30 June, 1994. After the meeting on 30 June, 1994 the refugee leaders publicly announced their decision to begin the repatriation of the balance refugees from Tripura to Bangladesh. Accordingly, the repatriation process has resumed on 21 July 1994 with the return of 69 amilies comprising 357 refugees to Bangladesh.

India's rale in democratization of Security Council

*60. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHNIDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIrS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so ar been taken by Government to ensure fuller democratization of the United Nations Security Council by way of elimination of the provision for 'Veto Power' vested in a few permanent members and increasing greater representation of developing world in the Security Council; and

(b) what results have so far been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) India supported General Assembly Resolution 48/26 entitled "Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase of Membership of the Security Council", which was adopted in 1993 by consensus .The resolution has established an Open-Ended Working Group to consider all aspects of the question of increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the work of the Security Council.

The Open-Ended Working Group has started discussing the issue. It will submit a report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly.